

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the very thorough consideration given the present application.

Claims 1-25 are now present in this application. Amendments have been made to the Title and Abstract of the Disclosure. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

I. Priority Under 35 U.S.C. § 119

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging Applicants' claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119, and receipt of the certified priority document.

II. Drawings

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action Summary PTOL-326 indicating that the formal drawings have been accepted by the Examiner.

III. Objection to the Title of the Invention

The Examiner has objected to the Title of the Invention for not being descriptive.

In order to overcome this objection, Applicant has amended the Title of the Invention as the Examiner has suggested, in order to better reflect the subject matter claimed. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

IV. Objection to the Abstract of the Disclosure

The Examiner has objected to the Abstract of the Disclosure because of the length being more than 150 words.

In order to overcome this objection, Applicant has amended the Abstract of the Disclosure to be 136 words, and therefore within the 150 word recommendation. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

V. Allowed Subject Matter

The Examiner states that claims 1-25 are allowed. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the early indication of allowed claims in this application. Since the Examiner's objections have been overcome, as discussed above, the present application is in condition for allowance.

VI. Cited References

Since the references cited by the Examiner have not been utilized to reject the claims, but have merely been cited to show the state of the art, no comment need be made with respect thereto.

VII. Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone James T. Eller, Jr., Registration No. 39,538, at (703) 205-8000, in the Washington, D.C. area.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Response is respectfully requested.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit

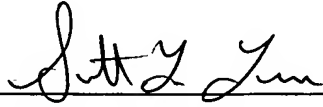
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Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment(s): Abstract of the Disclosure